

Federal Communications Commission

§ 11.20

Operating Handbook and the National Control Point Procedures. LPTV stations do not receive authenticator lists.

(a) Red Envelope Authenticator List. This list is used for authentication purposes in accordance with instructions in the EAS Operating Handbook and National Control Point Procedures. It is issued to all broadcast stations and specified control points of the radio and television networks, cable networks and program suppliers, common carriers, wire services and other specified entities. A current copy of this list must be located in the pocket on the inside front cover of the EAS Operating Handbook. This list should be opened only to authenticate receipt of an EAN message and an EAT message from the above control points. The FCC may request immediate return of the Red Envelope at any time.

(b) White Envelope Authenticator List. This list is used for caller identification purposes in accordance with instructions in the National Control Point Procedures. It is issued only to specified control points.

(c) NIC Authenticator List. This booklet is used for authentication purposes in accordance with instructions in the National Control Point Procedures. It is issued only to participating control points.

§ 11.18 EAS Designations.

(a) National Primary (NP) is a source of EAS Presidential messages.

(b) Local Primary (LP) is a source of EAS Local Area messages. An LP source is responsible for coordinating the carriage of common emergency messages from sources such as the National Weather Service or local emergency management offices as specified in its EAS Local Area Plan. If it is unable to carry out this function, other LP sources in the Local Area may be assigned the responsibility as indicated in State and Local Area Plans. LP sources are assigned numbers (LP-1, 2, 3, etc.) in the sequence they are to be monitored by other broadcast stations in the Local Area.

(c) State Primary (SP) is a source of EAS State messages. These messages can originate from the Governor or a designated representative in the State

Emergency Operating Center (EOC) or State Capital. Messages are sent via the State Relay Network.

(d) State Relay (SR) is a source of EAS State messages. It is part of the State Relay Network and relays National and State common emergency messages into Local Areas.

(e) Participating National (PN) sources transmit EAS National, State or Local Area messages. The EAS transmissions of PN sources are intended for direct public reception.

(f) Non-participating National (NN) sources have elected not to participate in the National level EAS and hold an authorization letter to that effect. Upon activation of the national level EAS, NN sources are required to broadcast the EAS codes, Attention Signal, the sign-off announcement in the EAS Operating Handbook and then stop operating. All NN sources are required to comply with § 11.51, 11.52 and 11.61. They may transmit EAS State or Local Area messages at any time without prior notice.

§ 11.19 EAS Non-participating National Authorization Letter.

This authorization letter is issued by the FCC to broadcast station licensees. It states that the licensee has agreed to go off the air during a national level EAS message. This authorization will remain in effect through the period of the initial license and subsequent renewals from the time of issuance unless returned by the holder or suspended, modified or withdrawn by the Commission.

§ 11.20 State Relay Network.

This network is composed of State Relay (SR) sources, leased common carrier communications facilities or any other available communication facilities. The network distributes State EAS messages originated by the Governor or designated official. In addition to EAS monitoring, satellites, microwave, FM subcarrier or any other communications technology may be used to distribute State emergency messages.